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Subject: FW: Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

Please log this in as a comment, Jessie. Thanks!

From: joyce levine [mailto:quonseta@yahoo.com]
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To: DOT_STIP@dot.state.ak.us
Subject: Draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

Below, I am submitting my comments on the proposed changes for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan.

During these times, because of the costs of the Iraq war and its affects, our country needs to stay on a low budget when issues of transportation are addressed. I do not want our government to be spending money on mega-projects and I would, instead, rather see our government spending money on maintenance and upgrades to the infrastructures that exist.

I think it is important that we replace all culverts that are in need of repair on our public road system and old logging roads throughout the Tongass National Forest. It is important that these culverts are in good working order so that fish can pass through them. After this past winter of so much precipitation, we have many more potholes, cracks, and broken sidewalks. In many areas, because of the affects of studded tires, many of the roads have grooves in them from those tires. In the winter, when those grooves fill with water and then freeze, it becomes very dangerous and unsafe. I would like to see the government repave these places so that our roads are safe from potholes to enhance safety.

As it is not possible to build a road to Haines or Skagway from Juneau, I do not think the State of Alaska should spend money on moving the ferry terminal to a place further out the road. The ferry terminal in Juneau is fine where it is. To move the ferry terminal north is a waste of government money.

After a disasterous management of our Alaska Marine Highway, I would like to see the State of Alaska spend funding on improving our ferry system in Southeast Alaska and make it more available to our residents and visitors.

I was disappointed that Governor Murkowski bought a jet for his own use. I would like to see the jet sold and the money from the sale be spent on improving public transportation in our urban areas of the State of Alaska.

Please do not spend money on wasteful projects such as the Road/Ferry Project in Juneau, the Gravina Bridge, or the Knik Arm Bridge. These projects are hundreds of millions of dollars and should not be done, because of the decline in federal funding. I would rather see long awaited projects in almost every community addressed BEFORE these costly projects take one more penny of our State of Alaska funds.

Sincerely,

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